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MEMORANDUM FOR: William Donnelly (C)
Chief, DO/Information Management Staff

FROM: Thomas H. White
Director of Information Services

SUBJECT: Coordination of Foreign Relations of the
United States Materials (U)

1. As you are aware, Clay McManaway, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Classification and Declassification (CDC), has assumed control of reviewing and clearing the Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS) series vice the Historical Office in State. This is a boon for us; Clay and his people have been of incalculable help in protecting our equities. (U)

2. Clay has recently expressed his concern about the FRUS coordination process and his desire that it remain within the CDC/OIS channel. He has asked for my help in this regard. His concern stems primarily from the incident of a few months ago in which DO/LA conferred directly with its counterpart in State to obtain a classification decision favorable to its own position. (U)

3. To strengthen Clay's hand and prevent him from being blindsided in this process, I'd like to enlist your aid in preventing the review and clearance of FRUS materials from straying out of channels. Recognizing the realities of the situation, I ask that the Division call me, if it feels a need to consult directly with its counterpart regarding the clearance of FRUS material, so that I am aware of that effort and can advise Clay in turn. (U)

Thomas H. White

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